

# American Indian Endowed Scholarship

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## Application Information Sheet

*Please read this entire information sheet before completing the application.*

### How does the scholarship program work?

This program provides scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic merit and a commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earnings of an endowment established from funds appropriated by the Washington State Legislature with matching contributions from tribes, individuals, and organizations.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- ♦ Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or American Indian community in Washington;
- ♦ Agree to use your education to benefit other American Indians;
- ♦ Have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college financial aid office);
- ♦ Be a Washington resident;
- ♦ Be enrolled, or intend to enroll, **full-time** at an eligible Washington college or university **next fall term** (selection priority is given to upper-division and graduate students, but all applicants will be considered); and,

### How do I apply for the scholarship?

- ♦ Complete the attached application, or submit a hard copy of the completed electronic version of the form. The application is available on the HECB Web site at [www.hecb.wa.gov](http://www.hecb.wa.gov), under "Paying for College," using Adobe Acrobat Version 5.0.
- ♦ Apply for state and federal need-based financial aid at the college or university you will attend during the next academic year. Financial aid applications are available at your school's student aid office. Financial need is among the criteria for selection as a scholarship recipient.
- ♦ Prepare two separate statements describing: (1) your social and cultural ties to an American Indian community in Washington; and (2) how you will serve an American Indian community upon completing your degree.
- ♦ Submit academic transcripts. If you have completed two or more years of college, please submit only college transcript(s) for your coursework over the last five years. If you are an incoming college freshman or have less than two years of college, attach high school transcripts (or a copy of your GED test scores) with current cumulative college transcripts if applicable. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.
- ♦ Obtain letters of recommendation from three or more people **who are not members of your immediate family**. At least two of the recommendations should verify your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington. At least one recommendation should address your personal commitment to serve the American Indian community in Washington.
- ♦ Submit a single, complete package of all application materials to the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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## **How will recipients be selected?**

The Board awards scholarships on a competitive basis. A committee composed of representatives from the state's American Indian and higher education communities will review applications and select recipients. Selection will be based on academic merit and commitment to serve the American Indian community. The committee will give priority to upper-division and graduate students.

## **How much will I receive if I am selected?**

Historically, the scholarships have been awards of \$1,000 - \$1,500 each for one academic year. The program advisory committee sets the number and value of awards each year after a review of the interest earnings from the endowment over the previous year. Renewal awards are available at the discretion of the committee. In no event may a recipient's award exceed his/her financial need as calculated by the institution's student aid office. In some cases, the scholarship may be adjusted to prevent conflict with the receipt of other student financial aid grants. The recipient must be enrolled as a **full-time** student at a college or university in Washington at the time of scholarship disbursement. Funds are disbursed once each academic term through the recipient's college.

***Postmark your application no later than May 15 of this year.  
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.***

### **Applicant checklist:**

This application form must be accompanied by:

1. A brief description of your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington.
2. A brief statement describing how you intend to return service to the state's American Indian community.
3. Three or more letters of recommendation by non-family members. Two letters should verify your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington. At least one letter should attest to your character and commitment to return service to the state's tribal community.
4. College transcripts for coursework from the last five-year period. Include a high school transcript (or a copy of your GED test scores) if you have less than two years of college. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.

Mail the entire application as a single unit (including all attachments) to:

**American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program**

**Higher Education Coordinating Board**

P. O. Box 43430

Olympia, WA 98504-3430

For additional information, please contact:

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## SECTION I: Applicant information



I am applying for academic  
year beginning fall \_\_\_\_\_

1. Last name	First name	M.I.	2. Social Security number
3. Current address: Street	City	State	Zip
			4. Phone ( )
5. Permanent address (if different): Street	City	State	Zip
			6. Phone ( )
7. E-mail address	8. I have been a resident of Washington, Oregon, Montana, or Idaho since: Year Month		
9. Tribal affiliation:	Enrolled? Yes   No	Membership/enrollment # (if applicable):	

## SECTION II: Current educational plans

10. College you will attend beginning fall term:	11. Class level next fall (i.e., freshman, graduate, doctoral, professional):
12. Intended field of study:	13. Date of expected program completion: Year Month

## SECTION III: Educational background and extracurricular activities

14. Date of high school graduation (or GED received):		Year	Month
15. Education information. List schools in order of attendance (most recently attended first):			
High school/college/university	City & state	Dates of attendance	Degree, if any
			Cum. GPA

16. List major school, community, and leadership activities. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

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(Please complete and sign page 2 on reverse of this page)

**SECTION IV: Applicant certification and media release**

By my signature, I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am selected to receive the scholarship, I understand that I must be enrolled full-time at an eligible college/university in the state by fall term of the award year. I understand that the HECB may release information contained in this application to interested parties, such as the news media and legislative personnel for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of scholarship recipients. ***I have checked the shaded box below only if I DO NOT wish this information to be released. \****

\* NO, I do NOT authorize the HECB to release my information for the purpose of recognition. ☐

Applicant's signature

Date

**SECTION V: Release of information statement (to obtain institutional verifications)****American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program**

Financial need is one criterion used to determine your eligibility for the scholarship. All applicants must complete this release of information form. This will allow the school(s)/college(s) to release financial aid, enrollment, and transcript information to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This information will be used to determine eligibility for the scholarship.

Applicant's name (please print)

Applicant's Social Security number

I authorize: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or other school(s)  
(Name of school you will attend)

listed on lines 10, 14 and 15 of this application, to release all necessary information about my schooling to assist the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) in its administration of the American Indian Endowed Scholarship program. This includes all demographic, enrollment, academic transcript, and student aid information.

Applicant's signature

Date

***For scholarship consideration, postmark application by May 15.  
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**APPLICANT CHECKLIST:**

This application form must be accompanied by:

1. A brief description of your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in this state.
3. Three or more letters of recommendation, written by non-family members. Two letters should verify your social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribal community in Washington. At least one letter should attest to your character and commitment to return service to the state's tribal community.
4. College transcripts for coursework from the last five-year period. Include a high school transcript (or copy of GED test scores) if you have less than two years of college. Official or copies of official transcripts will suffice.

**If you have not already done so, apply for other state and federal student financial aid. Contact the college you plan to attend for the appropriate student financial aid application.**

**Mail the application packet (with all attachments) to:  
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**Questions: Contact Ann Lee, program manager,  
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